

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket No. **11731-U.S.**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I BELIEVE I AM THE ORIGINAL, FIRST AND SOLE INVENTOR (if only one name is listed below) OR AN ORIGINAL, FIRST AND JOINT INVENTOR (if more than one name is listed below) OF THE SUBJECT MATTER WHICH IS CLAIMED AND FOR WHICH A PATENT IS SOUGHT ON THE INVENTION

ENTITLED:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASING SYSTEM AND METHOD

the specification of which:

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[] was filed on _____ as

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(if applicable)

I HAVE REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED SPECIFICATION, INCLUDING THE CLAIMS, AS AMENDED BY ANY AMENDMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE:

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION WHICH IS MATERIAL TO THE EXAMINATION OF THIS APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 37, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, Sec. 1.56 (a) which states: "A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest.

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I do not know and do not believe the said invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to said application; that said invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said application; that said invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said application in any country foreign to the United States of America on any application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Sec. 119 and/or Sec. 365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate as indicated below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention having a filing date before that of the application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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COUNTRY/INTERNATIONAL	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
United States	60/214,735	29 June 2000	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>
			yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>I hereby appoint the following attorneys and agent(s) to prosecute said application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to file, prosecute and to transact all business in connection with international applications directed to said invention:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PAUL SHARPE, REG. NO. 39,493 RICHARD MITCHELL, REG. NO. 34,519 GEORGE MACGREGOR, REG. NO. 37,547</p> <p>Address all correspondence to: Paul Sharpe Marks & Clerk P.O. Box 957, Station B Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5S7 Canada</p> <p>Address all telephone calls to: Paul Sharpe - 613-236-9561</p> <p>I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements were made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.</p>			
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